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Price List of

Root's Dahlias

(GROWN IN NEW JERSEY)

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IT WAS in the Spring of 1908 that I first became really interested in the dahlia. I had been growing a few varieties for some time before, but it was not until I saw "Kriemhilde" that I became enthused; and needless to say my enthusiasm has never since waned.

They have brought me many pleasures and through them I have met many wonderful people, some of whom, I think, I may regard as among my best friends.

Some disappointments, too, have been my lot, as when in the Fall of 1924 I was taken ill and lost almost my entire stock, including a field of 8000 seedlings, some of which were the finest I have ever seen.

Many varieties have been introduced in the last twenty years, but some of the old ones will still stand the test, they being inferior only in size.

It has always been my desire to list only varieties with real merit and to limit the number, so as not to be confusing. The prices quoted on the following pages are for field grown tubers, guaranteed to be healthy and true to name and will be shipped postpaid at the proper time for planting.

Owing to the increasing demand for Root's Dahlia Roots, I am happy to announce that David E. Cooper is now associated with me and will have full supervision of the farm. Mr. Cooper is a college graduate with wide experience in agriculture and floriculture and resides on the farm at Marlton, N. J., where we hope you will visit during the blooming season.

JOHN M. ROOT.

The names are arranged in alphabetical order and the following abbreviations are used: C.—Cactus; H.C.—Hybrid Cactus; D.—Decorative; Sh.—Show; P.—Paeony Flowered; H.D.—Hybrid Decorative.

Varieties marked with (*) after price are net.

DAHLIAS

AIBONITA (D.) An immense flower of a bright glowing pink, shading to a rich golden yellow at the center. The formation is unusual on account of the great depth of the petal and fullness of the flower. \$1.00



HYPERION

(See page eight for description)

AMBASSADOR (C.) The color is a soft yellow buff, shaded salmon pink; flowers of pleasing form and of enormous size. The flowers are held erect above the foliage on strong stems. \$1.00

AMBER GLOW (C.) Bright yellow deepening to pale orange at center. \$1.00

AMERICANO (D.) A large deep flower of unshaded rose pink. The stiff stems hold the blossoms well above the foliage. \$1.50

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- AMULET** (D.) Rich, deep brown, slightly suffused with gold. Large, deep flowers, long stems, good center and keeping qualities. \$3.50
- AMUM RA** (D.) An entirely new formation of immense size, resembling in color a glorious setting sun. The colors are copper and orange, deepening in the full center to a rich, dark, reddish brown. This dahlia creates a sensation wherever shown. 75c
- AZALEA** (D.) Color soft, creamy yellow with apricot shades. A large and beautiful flower. 50c
- BARBARA LATZ** (P.) This variety is very large and free in bloom, and is very showy in its soft lemon yellow tones; fine stem. 75c
- BASHFUL GIANT** (D.) One of the largest dahlias ever produced and excellent for exhibition purposes. The color is apricot with golden shadings; a very beautiful flower. 75c
- BAZAAR** (D.) Soft chrome yellow, overlaid with red. The extra large blooms are full to the center from the beginning to the end of the season. \$1.50
- BEAU IDEAL** (D.) A beautiful exhibition decorative of the color of Mariposa—pinkish lavender. Good habit of growth, long, stiff stems. \$10.00*
- BERENICE HURLEY** (D.) (Root) Very large scarlet blooms shading darker to the center. Bush, stem and keeping qualities are of the best. \$2.50
- BLACK CAP** (D.) (Root 1927) Dark velvety red, almost black. Not a large flower, but beautiful in color and formation, almost like a piece of velvet. The stems are almost perfect and bush and foliage ideal. \$3.50
- BONNIE BRAE** (D.) Cream, shaded blush pink; the flowers are true decorative form and immense in size. A wonderful exhibition flower. 50c
- BUENO** (D.) Beautiful flower of burnished copper, shading to yellow at the center and the whole suffused with pink. Excellent for exhibition and cutting. \$7.50*
- CALIFORNIA SUPERBA** (D.) A beautiful pink flower which has created quite a sensation in the West. It is composed of narrow petals of a delicate shade of pink and tints gradually to a white center. \$2.00
- CALVIN COOLIDGE, Jr.** (D.) (Root) The very large flowers are borne on a strong, sturdy bush of splendid dark foliage. It is of the decorative type, held on a very good straight stem. The color is rose pink suffused salmon and each petal edged with gold. A very beautiful and stately dahlia. \$3.50
- CASPER G. WARE** (D.) Bright, silvery, violet rose, changing to a clear pink late in the season. Bush of stocky growth and prolific bloomer. \$3.00
- CHAMPAGNE** (D.) The color is rare and delightful, a dull golden champagne, varying to chamois. The stem is heavy and holds the massive flowers absolutely upright. \$1.00
- CHAS. H. STRATTON** (D.) Color is pale gold, shaded and blended with old rose, giving a very artistic effect. The blooms are very large and held on long, stiff stems. \$2.00
- CINDERELLA** (H.C.) Pale salmon or fawn, pink shading to a tan center. A true hybrid cactus; the immense deep, full flowers on long stems stand up and look you in the face. \$1.00

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- CITY OF TRENTON** (D.) A large autumn colored flower of exhibition type borne erect on top of canelike stems. The petals curl gracefully, giving a two-tone effect. \$10.00*
- CLEOPATRA** (P.) The color is a fine shade of yellow, the reverse of petals being of a tangerine shade, which creates a beautiful color combination. The flowers are large and held on wiry stems gracefully above the foliage. 50c
- CORNELIA** (D.) Beautiful flower of large size and great substance. The loveliest tint of pink delicately blending to white. \$1.00
- DADDY BUTLER** (H.C.) A true hybrid cactus of the American Beauty rose shades, with the reverse of the petals a lighter tint. The stem is perfect and the keeping qualities of the best. \$1.00
- DARK EYE** (D.) Flesh pink with a dark center like an eye. A large deep blossom held on a long erect stem. 75c
- DAVID RUST** (D.) (Root) A beautiful blending of old rose and yellow, giving a most unusual color effect. The blooms are of a decorative type, with good full centers and pleasing formation. The stems are all one would want in a dahlia and the keeping qualities are of the best. \$1.50
- DELLA V. POTTER** (D.) A pleasing shade of lavender, part of flower coming with white tips; the flowers are very large and beautifully formed; an extra fine variety for the garden or exhibition. 50c
- DON WILLIAMS** (D.) Lavender, each petal tipped white. Good stems, low growing plant. \$1.00
- DR. M. A. HOWE** (D.) Large, light pink flower, with edge of petals a shade darker. Very good form. \$1.50
- DR. TEVIS** (D.) A flower of enormous size, held erect on long stiff stems. Color is a pretty shade of salmon rose, suffused with gold. 50c
- EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY.** It would be hard to imagine a more beautiful combination of pink and cream than is displayed in this glorious creation. The immense full blooms are held erect on a vigorous bush. \$10.00*
- EARL WILLIAMS** (D.) This is a 'giant flowering dahlia, the color is of brilliant crimson, tipped with white; plants are very free in bloom. One of the most attractive dahlias ever introduced. \$1.00
- E. J. TITUS** (P.) (Root) Color, bright buttercup yellow of true paeony type. The petals are large and have a graceful twist; the inner petals are smaller and nicely curled about the center. Some blooms are almost decorative in type. 50c
- EL DORADO** (D.) Size, stem and color of this variety are of the best. Vivid gold coloring, which is emphasized by the deeper tones at the base of the petals. \$2.00
- ELINOR VANDEVEER** (D.) The large blossoms are of a glowing satiny, rose-pink. The flowers are of good substance and are held on long, stiff stems. \$4.00
- ELITE GLORY** (D.) Very large flower of brilliant, rich red. Regarded as a "break" in the dahlia world on account of the gigantic size of blooms and foliage. \$5.00*
- ELIZA CLARK BULL** (D.) An immense white flower of deep formation, held on excellent stems well above the foliage of the medium height bush. \$5.00
- ELLIS A. GIMBEL** (C.) (Root) An extremely large cactus dahlia of beautiful form. The color is a clear chamois, without tinting or shading. The bushes are strong and vigorous, and the stems are long, with the flowers somewhat tipped, giving it a very graceful appearance. \$2.00

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- EL PAJARO** (P.D.) (In Spanish "The Bird") It is a large size dahlia, rose-pink being its predominating color; base of the petals is a bright golden yellow which is also slightly suffused through the flower. Excellent stem and bush.
\$2.00
- EMILY DAVIE** (D.) A very large light rose-pink shading to yellow. Long erect stems.
\$3.50
- ESTHER HUNT** (H.C.) Vivid colored flowers of oriental orange, very good center and stem.
\$1.50
- ETENDARD DE LYON** (H.C.) Rich plum, a free bloomer, flowers on rigid erect stems.
50c
- EVA PELICANO** (D.) A very good white; flowers are large and held on very good stems.
\$1.00
- EVA WILLIAMS** (D.) An exhibition flower of amethyst color with slight silver shadings. Full center and upright rigid stems.
\$2.00
- FAITH GARIBALDI** (D.) Pleasing silvery rose pink. An early and free bloomer, held well on long, stiff stems; a very good keeper.
\$2.50
- F. A. KENT** (D.) A beautiful mallow pink, exhibition decorative held upright on rigid stems well out of the green foliage.
\$2.00
- FLORENCE MICHELL** (D.) (Root) A very pleasing combination of creamy white and shell pink. The ground color is creamy white, shading to a shell pink at the tips of the petals. The flowers are large and held on very good long stems and have exceptional keeping qualities. The bush is strong, and a free open grower.
\$5.00
- FRANCES SEAMAN** (D.) Silvery rose pink, large, finely formed flowers held erect on fine stems; sure to become a favorite.
\$1.00
- FREDERICK S. MICHELL, Sr.** (C.) (Root 1927) Amber seems to be the best color description one can give to this new variety. The flowers are of the American cactus type, well formed and carried on excellent straight stems. The bush is sturdy, of a good open habit and grows medium tall.
\$7.50
- F. W. FELLOWS** (C.) Large, orange-scarlet flower, with long, straight petals, often eight inches across, held on good stems.
75c
- GARDEN CITY** (S.) Maroon and pink. The flowers are held on long erect stiff stems.
\$1.00
- GENEVIEVE HURLEY** (D.) (Root) The blooms are of the decorative type, beautifully formed and splendidly held on fine, strong, stiff stems. The coloring is delicate shades of rose madder, shading into a deep cadmium yellow center. A truly beautiful flower.
\$2.50
- GEO. WALTERS** (H.C.) A lovely pinkish salmon, suffused with gold in center; one of the best varieties to date. A wonderful bloomer, with long, stout stems.
75c
- GLADYS BATES** (C.) Immense heavy blooms of incurved petals of tan, with a reverse of rose. Perfect form, closed center; long, straight stems and a profusion of blooms.
75c
- GLADYS PEACOCK** (D.) Lemon yellow, shading to rose red, strong, vigorous grower and free bloomer, on good stems.
\$1.50
- GLADYS SHERWOOD** (H.C.) A giant among pygmies; flowers often nine inches in diameter, of fine form and are held erect on strong stems; one of the best whites.
75c

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GLORIANNA (D.) Pale gold bloom, with a reddish glow in center. \$1.00

GLORY OF CALIFORNIA (H.C.) Large lemon yellow of good form, free bloomer, fair stem. \$2.50

HADDON HALL (D.) (Root 1927) Golden amber shading to amber in the center. The flowers are of good decorative type, large in size and held on fine stems. The bush is healthy, medium in height and very free bloomer. \$2.50



HALLOPOCKENY

HALLOPOCKENY (D.) (Root 1928) A decorative of very even and regular formation. The color is creamy white in center, petals striped, blended and heavily marked carmine; tips of petals lighter. A very striking and unusual color combination. Long, stiff, erect stems; profuse bloomer and fine keeper. \$5.00

HALVELLA (D.) The color is a beautiful shade of rose pink, with flowers of very large size, standing erect on long, stiff stems. The formation is all that could be desired, and of unusual depth and broad petals. \$1.00

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HENRY F. MICHELL (D.) (Root) A very large bloom of true scarlet color. The flowers are not only large in diameter, but very deep, and are held on strong stems. The bush growth is exceptionally hardy and reaches a height of seven feet. This dahlia won the American Dahlia Society's "Certificate of Merit" at Storrs, Conn., and at College Park, Md., in 1923. Also won the California Dahlia Society's "Certificate of Merit" at Berkeley, California, in 1923. \$1.00

HERCULES (D.) The beautiful flowers are carried proudly on long stems; color, tangerine and deep yellow; the reverse of the petals is shaded tangerine and they are so placed that they blend in a most attractive way with the deep yellow of the flower. \$1.00

HERMOSA (D.) (Root 1927) The coloring of this dahlia is exquisite. The broad pointed petals are pale pink, edged and blended with a darker pink. This coloring and the fine formation of the blossom makes, as the name implies, a beautiful flower. The stem is fair, but not strong enough to hold the large bloom upright. \$2.50

HYPERION (D.) (Root 1928) (Greek Mythology—The Sun God, incarnation of light and beauty.) A beautiful shade of yellow with just the slightest suffusion of vermilion red over the outer petals, giving the flowers a most pleasing color tone. The immense blooms are finely formed and are held perfectly on strong, straight stems. I believe this to be one of the finest dahlias ever introduced. See page three for photograph. \$10.00*

IAN (C.) A very large and very deep flower of clear yellow, gradually shading pink on the outer rows of petals with sunset shades on the reverse side. Blooms freely on upright stems. \$5.00*

JANE COWL (D.) The color of this massive flower is a glistening bronze buff and old gold, blending to a deeper shade toward the center of flower; reverse of petals a pale flesh color. The plant growth is ideal and the stem is strong and erect. \$15.00*

INSULINDE (D.) Beautiful golden orange, very large flower, with broad, wavy petals; strong, erect stems. \$1.00

ISMALIA (H.C.) Velvety maroon shading to red. This is a very beautiful flower, being extremely large and on long stems. \$1.50

JERSEY BEAUTY (D.) A perfect bloom of Erosine pink, carried high above the foliage on a long wiry stem; a wonderful keeper. \$1.00

JERSEY JEWEL (D.) Very large, long petaled flowers of mallow pink, fine stem. \$2.50

JOSEPHINE (D.) (Root 1928) Beautiful blooms of lavender and white. The center being nearly all white, blending to lavender on the outer petals and reverse of petals lighter. Very pretty formation, extra long, erect stems. Fine keeper. \$5.00

J. OTTO THILOW (D.) (Root) The petals are long and pointed, arranged in a very regular manner, reminding one of a double poinsettia. The color is cardinal red, without shading. "Certificate of Merit," Dahlia Society of California Trial Gardens, 1922. 50c

JOY (D.) A clear silvery lavender without a trace of white, growing exactly on the top of the stem like a chrysanthemum. Formation is like that of Shudow's Lavender. \$10.00*

JUDGE ALTON B. PARKER (D.) A fine exhibition variety, of true decorative form; the large flowers grow freely on strong, stiff stems; color, golden buff. \$1.00

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- JUDGE MAREAN (D.)** This wonderful big flower is borne on fine, upright stems. The color is salmon pink, yellow, orange and red, in such combination as to give an iridescent effect. \$1.00
- KENNETH J. DOOLITTLE (D.)** Giant flower, on splendid stems. The color is crimson scarlet, exceptionally fine. 50c
- KITTY DUNLAP (D.)** A beautiful dahlia that blooms freely all season. The immense flowers have great substance and are borne on long, firm stems. The color is the delightful shade of the American Beauty rose. \$1.00
- LADDIE (D.)** Soft, yellow shaded orange; the large flowers are produced on strong, erect stems. 75c
- LADY BETTY (D.)** A large, finely formed flower, produced on strong, stiff stems, of the most attractive and lovely color. It is creamy white, with a pink suffusion. \$1.00
- LADY BOWDEN (D.)** A very deep lavender with a blueish suffusion, an abundant bloomer. \$1.00
- LAURINE (H.C.)** The color is a deep pink. The flowers are large and held erect on long stems. \$1.00
- LIBERTY BOND (D.)** A blending of buff, bronze and salmon shades, very difficult to describe. The flowers are very large and are held on strong, erect stems. 50c
- LYNDORA.** A large flower of ideal form, having long wavy petals. The color is medium yellow with a suffusion of amaranth pink on the reverse. Strong bush growth and good stems. \$7.50*
- MAE GREFE (C.)** Large pink, shading to rose, on good stems; very free bloomer. \$1.00
- MARGARET MASSON (D.)** A beautiful, silvery rose-pink of great depth and size; a free bloomer and good keeper, on stiff stems. \$2.50
- MARGARET WOODROW WILSON (D.)** A very large flower of great beauty. Face of petals creamy white; reverse phlox-pink, giving the whole flower an opalescent effect. The stems are strong and upright with dark green foliage. \$4.00
- MARIPOSA (H.C.)** A perfectly formed hybrid type, composed of long, narrow, incurved petals which twist and curl. A delightful shade of pink, intensified by a deeper colored center. Stem and foliage of the best. \$1.00
- MARLTON (D.) (Root 1927)** A very striking flower of garnet and white. The petals are full and nicely arranged with the center ones nearly white, the outer ones garnet and the intermediate ones tipped white. \$3.50
- MARMION (D.)** This flower has such enormous size and depth that it attracts immediate attention. Color is pure golden yellow with a bronze suffusion on reverse of petals and a bronzy tone on the high full center, giving it an unusual appearance. The form is perfect and the stems stiff with dark green foliage. \$5.00*
- MEPHISTOPHELES (D.)** Large blooms, held erect on fine, stiff stems. The color is ruby red, showing an infinitesimal golden yellow tip at the very end of the petals. It is fine for exhibition and a wonderful keeper. \$1.00
- M. H. DE YOUNG (D.)** Pure old gold, with scarcely any variation in color. Always a mass of deep, immense blooms, which are borne high on absolutely stiff stems, well out of the foliage. \$3.50

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- MICHELL'S AUTUMN** (D.) (Root 1928) A fine, very full centered decorative of pleasing formation and beautiful autumn tints. Stem is long, straight and stiff. Large bloom and fine keeper. \$2.50
- MICHELL'S WHITE** (D.) (Root 1928) Pure white of beautiful form held on fine, straight stems. Fine for cutting. \$2.50
- MICHELL'S YELLOW** (D.) (Root 1928) A beautiful shade of yellow finely formed tight quilled decorative held on perfect stems. Fine keeping qualities \$2.50
- MING** (H.C.) Color is flaming orange. Flower is large, well formed, on a good stem. \$1.50
- MISS BRIDGETON** (D.) Beautiful old rose flowers held on very long and straight stems. Tall bush and free bloomer. \$1.50
- MISS CALIFORNIA** (D.) A large perfectly formed flower of a beautiful new color known as Oriental fuchsia. The blooms are held high above foliage on strong, stiff stems. \$3.50
- MISS ELEANOR M. WINTER** (P.D.) (Root) The color is a rich yellow, with a pinkish cast to the outer petals. The stem is strong and straight, but the flower is somewhat tipped. 50c
- MISS UNDERWOOD** (H.C.) (Root) Beautiful, pure white waxy flowers, held on good stems. A very pleasing and attractive blossom. 50c
- MOONLIGHT** (D.) Large massive flowers, light primrose yellow or cream color, strong stems holding the flowers erect. 75c
- MR. ALEXANDER WALDIE** (D.) The flowers are large and held well above the foliage on fine stems. The coloring is unsurpassed, a creamy ground overlaid with a delicate salmon pink. 75c
- MRS. CARL SALBACH** (D.) The immense blooms of mauve pink are held erect on extra long, strong stems. A perfect exhibition and cut flower. 75c
- MRS. CHARLES H. GEIST** (D.) (Root 1927) Creamy white blending to lavender pink with a suggestion of yellow at base of petals. A very pleasing blending of color. Large, rather flat blooms held on straight stiff stems. Bush is medium tall and of an open habit. \$7.50
- MRS. COLMAN T. DUPONT** (D.) (Root) Old gold, tipped and edged with vermilion. The reverse of petals is also vermilion, giving a two-tone effect. Blooms are large and very full, almost ball shape. Stems are fine, being straight and stiff and hold the heavy flowers just right. Bush is tall and a strong grower. \$5.00
- MRS. ELINOR MARTIN** (D.) A peculiar rose shade with a reverse of violet well described as "mulberry" held on long, stiff stems. Profuse bloomer. \$2.00
- MRS. ETHEL F. T. SMITH** (C.) Creamy white, shading to a lemon tint in the center. It has produced flowers $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, held on strong stems well above the foliage. 75c
- MRS. FRANK BAILEY** (D.) Very large yellow blooms on a high growing plant. \$5.00
- MRS. GEO. W. ELKINS, Jr.** (D.) (Root) The flowers are very large (eight to nine inches in diameter) and of perfect decorative type, always full to the center and held on good strong stems. The color is beautiful salmon pink suffused old gold, with faint reflex of rosy pink. It is a perfect garden and exhibition dahlia, with exceptional keeping qualities. "Certificates of Merit," Dahlia Society of California Trial Gardens and American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens, Storrs, Conn., 1922. \$1.00

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MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (D.) An immense deep mauve decorative, held on fine, long stems. Very strong grower and free bloomer. An exhibition variety of great merit. One of the best of recent introductions. 75c

MRS. JAMES A. BABBITT (D.) (Root) A deep yellow, with reverse of petals overlaid with crimson, a very unusual combination of color. The blossom is very formal in formation in the early stage, but as it expands, the long petals curve in, showing the reverse, giving a two-tone effect. The flowers are immense in size and very attractive. "Certificates of Merit," Dahlia Society of California Trial Gardens and American Dahlia Society Trial Gardens, Storrs, Conn., 1922. 75c

MRS. JOHN M. ROOT (H.C.) (Root) An enormous canary yellow hybrid cactus. One of the largest dahlias ever grown. The petals are long, broad and slightly twisted, giving the flower great diameter and depth. The bush growth is remarkable, plants attaining a height of six to seven feet, holding the massive blooms well above your head. It won the Penna. Hort. Society Silver Medal in 1922 for the best two-year-old seedling, and again in 1923 for the best three-year-old seedling; also won first in class calling for the best vase of twenty-five blooms and repeated this winning at the Collingswood, N. J., Show. At Trevoise, Pa., it took a special prize for the largest bloom in the Show. At the American Dahlia Society's Southern Trial Grounds, College Park, Md., it won the "Certificate of Merit," in 1923, with a score of eighty-nine, also the "Certificate of Merit" at the California Dahlia Society's Trial Ground, Berkeley, California, in 1923. \$2.50

MRS. JOHN SHEEPERS (D.) Flowers are clear canary yellow, with pink suffusion. \$1.00

MRS. JOSIAH T. MAREAN (P.) Beautiful rose pink with golden shadings at base of petal. Extra large flowers and profuse bloomer. \$2.50

MT. SHASTA (H.C.) Very light shell pink, with a faint tinge of yellow, showing toward center. An extra fine, full, deep flower of large size. \$1.00

MYRA VALENTINE (D.) Beautiful golden bronze of fine form. Very large on long, stiff stems. \$1.00

OBERON (C.) Deep old rose, with a most pronounced violet suffusion. Immense well-built flowers, which remain double the entire season. \$1.50

OLIVE REED (D.) A remarkable dahlia of a clear pure shade of yellow and good substance. Vigorous bush and rigid stems. \$5.00*

PACIFIC GLOW (P.) An extra large shell pink dahlia, florets very large and slightly twisted. Fine for exhibition. 75c

PAPILLON (C.) A wonderfully improved "Geo. Walters." A beautiful shade of old rose, with golden lights. An incessant bloomer. Stems are strong and long, and carry the flower well. \$1.00

PARADISE (D.) Pale lavender, very large flowers on good stems. \$1.50

PAUL MICHAEL (H.C.) Deep orange buff, shading to old rose on the reverse side of petals. One of the largest dahlias to date. Blooms held high above the foliage. 75c

PEARL RUGGLES (F.) Carmine rose shading to white at base of petals, very long wiry stems. \$1.00

PERELLA (D.) Bright rose-pink, shading lighter on the long outer petals, the inner petals show a trace of lavender. The large attractive flowers are held on long and stiff stems. \$7.50*

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- PHYLLIS TUCKER (H.C.)** A very large, well-formed flower of incurved formation, a true bright pink; base of petals is cream pink. Long, leafless stems hold the flower right on top. Center is always closed and flowers never lose their size. \$7.50*
- PINK ROSEBUD (C.)** Color is pure pink, tinting lighter towards the center, very good cut flower, free bloomer. 50c
- PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA (D.)** A large red decorative, held on extra good stems. Fine for garden and exhibition. 50c
- PRISCILLA (D.)** A big decorative of pleasing combination of white, deepening to pink. The petals are broad and flat. \$1.00
- RESALADA (H.C.) (Root 1927)** A very odd and difficult color to describe. An entirely new shade in dahlias. Amber brown or coffee will give some idea of the color, but it is not quite either of these. The graceful formation of the bloom has suggested the name. Stems are straight and stiff, holding the blooms perfectly. \$3.50
- ROBERT LEEDS (D.) (Root 1927)** A massive royal purple decorative, fine deep formation with good full center all through the season. The blooms are very large and heavy, but held well on stout, strong stems. The bush is of medium height with heavy dark foliage. \$7.50
- ROMAN EAGLE (D.)** A large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant, burnished copper color. Medium size plant with dark green foliage, stiff stems. \$3.00
- ROOKWOOD (D.)** A pure, bright cerise rose flower of immense size and depth; held aloft on splendid straight stems. One of the very finest dahlias to date. \$1.50
- RORY O'MOORE (D.)** Deep maroon tipped white, well-formed flowers on good stems. \$1.00
- ROSA NELL (D.)** The color is a clear, bright rose, the flowers are large and come perfectly full and double until frost; good stems and habit. The color and form are rare and attract immediate attention. 75c
- ROSE FALLON (D.)** A magnificent flower of pleasing shades of amber, russet and salmon. Perfect formation and excellent stems with very dark foliage. \$7.50*
- ROWYEN (D.)** Large, well-formed flowers, petals broad and edges crenated. 50c
- ROYAL GOLD (D.)** Golden amber, center of flower a deeper shade. Beautiful flowers on stiff stems, profuse bloomer and good keeper. 50c
- RUTH PHILLIPS (H.C.)** Sulphur yellow flowers of immense size, on fine stems, very attractive. \$1.00
- SALBACH'S WHITE (D.)** A white dahlia of perfect formation and waxy appearance. The fine stems hold the large flowers proudly erect. A much-admired variety. \$5.00*
- SAMARIA (C.)** Burnt orange, shading to gold and full of golden light and metallic lustre. Big, deep blooms borne on stiff stems. \$3.50
- SANHICKAN MAGNATE (D.)** Large flowers of pale amaranth pink; face of petals tinged with a deeper shade; reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. Medium height plants, stiff stems. \$4.00
- SEÑORITA (D.)** Rich crimson, large free bloomer on long, stiff stems. \$1.50

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- SERPOLETTE** (D.) A deep lavender, with a blue instead of a pink tint. Flowers have great size and depth, and blossoms generously. \$1.00
- SHIRLEY OLIVER** (D.) This beautiful blossom of immense size is of a lovely light rose-pink with yellow at base of the long petals. Excellent long, straight stems. \$2.50
- SHUDOW'S LAVENDER** (D.) A beautiful lavender decorative of exquisite coloring, fine flowers held on long, stiff stems, well above the foliage. A wonderful dahlia. \$1.50
- SILVERADO** (C.) Large blooms of white, gradually shading toward the center to a delicate silvery lavender. The stems are extra long and strong. Bush is tall and well branched. \$7.50*
- SISKIYOU** (H.C.) Pink tinged mauve, very large on fine stem. Vigorous grower. \$2.00
- ST. BERNARD** (D.) Soft creamy white suffused with pink. Extremely large with very good stiff stems. \$1.50
- ST. FRANCIS** (D.) Cream color brightened with pinkish glow on outer petals. A beautiful bloom on rigid stem. \$1.50
- SUFFRAGETTE** (H.C.) Canary yellow with occasionally a blossom tipped white. The two color bloom is striking and beautiful. \$1.00
- SUNNY SOUTH** (H.C.) Large pure yellow of pleasing form, very full and deep in center. Good stiff stems. \$3.50
- SUNSHINE** (D.) A large flower with broad petals of bright scarlet, faintly tipped gold. \$1.50
- SUSAN G. TEVIS** (D.) A very deep shade of lilac with a bluish sheen. The blossoms are regularly formed of narrow, flat, pointed petals. A very large and graceful bloom of fine depth. \$1.50
- T. A. LEONARD** (D.) An exceptional cut flower because of its stem. A free bloomer but needs careful disbudding. Color is a deep cerise, or bright carmine rose. The flower is a giant, with fine center and a peculiar petal formation which is quite original. \$1.00
- TANGO** (D.) Large orange bronze flowers, with pointed petals, long strong stems. 50c
- TEHACHEPI** (H.C.) Very large flowers of canary yellow on fine stems. Similar to "Gladys Sherwood" in shape, produced in abundance. \$1.00
- TEMOROSA** (H.C.) (Root 1927) A hybrid cactus having very long lavender petals tinting to almost white at the base and lighter to the center of the bloom. The blossoms are beautifully formed and held on fine strong stems, slightly tipped as though timid, which has suggested the name. \$3.50
- THE EAGLE** (H.C.) Sulphur yellow, florets slightly reflexed, a large flower on long stiff stems, very prolific. 50c
- THE EMPEROR** (D.) A large maroon of the finest type; the flowers are made up of long flat petals. The stems are extra long and hold the enormous flower well. \$1.00
- THE SCREAMER** (P.) The coloring is violet purple, suffused mauve. The giant flowers are held on long, strong stems, an exceptional dahlia. \$1.00
- TOM LUNDY** (H.C.) A very large, velvety crimson flower on good stems, prolific bloomer. 50c

Root's Dahlia Roots

- TOMMY ATKINS (D.)** A large, deep blossom of flaming scarlet or a golden scarlet, full of metallic luster. Blossom is attractively formed, and is not stiff and formal. Center remains closed until frost. \$1.00
- TRENTONIAN (D.)** Giant flowers of a blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze, with a central zone of reddish bronze. The petals are broad and well placed. Stem and keeping qualities are good. \$2.00
- TYPHINNIE (D.)** Bright shell pink, shading lighter at tips. At the base and throughout the petals is seen a bright golden yellow; stem rigid and strong on low growing plant. \$1.00
- U. S. A. (D.)** A truly beautiful flower of vivid orange. The mammoth flower has a very unique formation and is held on a good stem. A very free bloomer. \$1.00
- VENUS (D.)** A very attractive and lovely variety. Color is a soft shade of creamy white, with lavender suffusion. 50c
- WHITE SISTER.** A beautiful white dahlia of good size and formation; produced freely on stiff stems. \$2.00
- WISSAHICKON (H.C.) (Root)** This is a very striking flower, petals are spectrum red and have a graceful curl and twist, exposing the reverse of the petals, which is of a lighter color. A very free bloomer. \$1.00
- VARIO (D.)** (The name is Spanish for variegated.) A tiny stripe of pink runs down the center of the deep amber colored petals, terminating in a pale pink tip. Petals are long and gracefully recurved. \$3.50
- VIVANDIERE (P.)** Cerise carmine, shading lighter at tips of petals; an immense deep peony with excellent stems. \$1.00
- WIZARD OF OZ (D.)** A veritable giant of a "Wizard." A strong growing plant with wonderful stems. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, soft in tone. \$2.50
- WHOPPER (D.)** Yellow buff, shaded orange. \$1.00
- ZEUS (D.P.)** Rich glowing red, each petal distinctly tipped yellow. A giant flower artistically built on stiff stem. Plant of medium dwarf. \$3.50

POMPONS

For table decoration the tiny Pompons are in great demand and may be had in any color desired.

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| <p>DARKSOME—The best real dark red or maroon. 50c</p> <p>DEW DROPS—White tipped lavender. 50c</p> <p>JESSICA—Yellow tipped red. 50c</p> <p>MIDGET—Salmon suffused with violet. 50c</p> | <p>SNOWCLAD—The best pure white. 35c</p> <p>BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD—Crushed strawberry; one of the smallest. 50c</p> <p>DEEDEE—A perfectly formed pure lavender. Dainty and small. 50c</p> <p>SUNSET—A delightful orange; one of the most popular. 35c</p> |
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Twentieth Anniversary Specials

To commemorate our twentieth year of growing dahlias we have arranged the following collections, thus enabling our friends to get some very fine varieties at very reasonable cost.

Special No. 1, \$3.50

Calvin Coolidge, Jr.	\$3.50
Bashful Giant75
Mariposa	1.00
Rosa Nell75
Mrs. John Sheepers	1.00
David Rust	1.50

Total Value \$8.50

Special No. 2, \$5.00

Mrs. Colman Dupont	\$5.00
Champagne	1.00
Mrs. I. de V. Warner75
Tommy Atkins	1.00
Francis Seaman	1.00
Marlton	3.50

Total Value \$12.25

Special No. 3, \$10.00

Mrs. John M. Root	\$2.50
Florence Michell	3.50
Resalada	3.50
Temorosa	3.50
California Superba	2.00
El Dorado	2.00
Haddon Hall	2.50
Black Cap	3.50

Total Value \$23.00

Special No. 4, \$5.00

El Dorado	\$2.00
Mariposa	1.00

And Eight Standard Named Varieties
of Our Own Selection

Total Value Between \$12 and \$15

GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

The dahlia, normally, is a very hardy and easy plant to grow. Any garden soil will grow good dahlias if well spaded to a depth of 15 to 18 inches and adding a little well-rotted stable manure, or if this is not available work in some sheep manure and bone-meal in each hill at the time of planting. A handful of each is plenty at planting time, then when the buds begin to set, top dress with sheep manure about every two weeks. Avoid overpropagation and overfeeding, as it is sure to reduce the vitality of your plants and subject them to disease.

If your soil is very heavy a liberal supply of coal ashes will loosen the texture and give better drainage.

The tubers should be laid down flat (with eye pointing up) in holes six inches deep and from two feet six inches to three feet apart.

A good plan is to mark out your garden, after the spading has been completed, and drive your stakes; when you plant, the label can be taken from the tuber and wired to the stake, thus avoiding loss of names.

When the plant is about 15 or 18 inches high tie it to the stake about one foot above the ground and then pinch out the side shoots or laterals, leaving the center and about three pairs at the base of plant. Keep disbudding the center and all but the bottom pair on the laterals. This will keep your bush low and all the branches coming from near the base of plant.

Just as soon as the plant appears above ground start cultivating. Never allow the soil to pack or get hard on the top. If the weather is hot and dry see that the soil is thoroughly wet about once a week.

When the plants have been killed with frost, cut off the tops near the ground and dig carefully with garden fork. After clumps have been raised, trim off broken tubers and cut the stalk down to about two inches. All cut or broken surfaces should be covered with sulphur. Store in a cool corner of your cellar and cover with several layers of newspapers to prevent drying.

GLADIOLI

We are listing only the varieties which we believe will give the greatest satisfaction in your garden. They have been selected for straight spikes, pleasing colors and strong growth.

- AMERICA—Large delicate flesh pink. Fine for cutting or bedding. 5c
- ALICE TIPLADY—(Prim.) Beautiful soft coppery bronze. Flowers large and of fine form. Very early. 10c
- A. W. HUNT—Good orange-red, large flowers. 25c
- A. B. KUNDERD—Cream and primrose overlaid and edged pink, ruffled. 20c
- BYRON L. SMITH—Large flowers and spikes; delicate lavender, tinting lighter toward the center. 15c
- DR. VAN FLEET—Delicate rose-pink, deeper at edges, creamy throat. 20c
- FAIR COLUMBIAN—Tall vigorous grower. Pure lilac, shaded deeper at center. A good keeper and fine cut flower. 20c
- FLORA—Golden yellow, with scarcely any markings. First class in every respect. 10c
- GOLDEN MEASURE—Handsome rich yellow, produces strong spikes well filled with large flowers. 20c
- MRS. FRANCIS KING—Enormous flowers of a delicate flame pink, shading to soft scarlet. A very strong grower with immense flower spikes. 5c
- LOUISE—Orchid-like flowers of attractive bluish lavender, with wine colored mark in the throat. 10c
- MRS. DR. NORTON—Silvery white shaded soft pink, deepening toward the edge of petals, with creamy blotches in throat. A tall grower; good for cutting. 10c
- MRS. FRANK PENDLETON—One of the grandest; should be in every garden. Delicate salmon pink, with brilliant, deep red blotches in the throat. Large flowers on long spikes. 5c
- MRS. F. C. PETERS—Rosy-lilac, with a soft crimson blotch. A beautiful new variety. Flowers are large and slightly ruffled. 25c
- PEACE—Tall graceful spikes. Beautiful flowers of pure white with a touch of carmine. 10c
- PANAMA—Pure rose-pink, similar in type to America. The flowers are large and well placed on strong spikes. 5c
- PYTHIA—Gigantic showy rose red. 15c
- ORANGE GLORY—Clear orange, shaded lighter in the throat. A very beautiful ruffled variety. 15c
- ROSE ASH—Corinthian red, shading to ashes of roses on the outer edges; lower petals lighter. Flowers large on long spikes. 15c
- WAR—Deep red, shaded crimson. One of the largest. 10c
- WHITE WONDER—Large pure white. 15c

SPECIAL

Twentieth Anniversary Discount

WHEN cash accompanies orders the following discounts will be allowed:


5% on orders amounting to \$5.00

10% on orders amounting to \$10.00

20% on orders amounting to \$25.00

25% on orders amounting to \$100.00





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